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I WASHINGTON (AP)--SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD CALLED ON PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN CONVENING A SIX-NATION SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO HALT THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN A SENATE SPEECH, MANSFIELD SUGGESTED THAT NIXON "ISSUE AN URGENT INVITATION" TO SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV, FRENCH PRESIDENT GEORGES POMPIDOU, WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER EDWARD HEATH AND JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER KAKEI TANAKA.

THE CONFERENCE, MANSFIELD SAID, SHOULD SEEK "AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE" AND WORK TOWARDS BRINGING ISRAEL AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES TOGETHER IN ENDING THE FIGHTING.

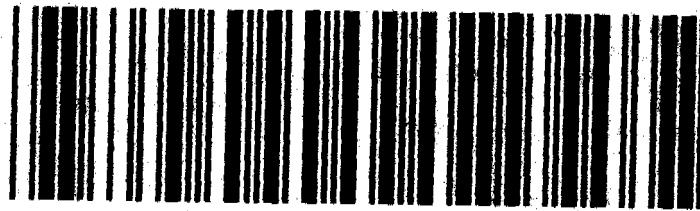
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SUBJ: KOSYGIN AND SOVIET MEDIA ON MIDDLE EAST

1. SUMMARY : KOSYGIN REMARKS ON ME SEEK TO RECONCILE USSR POLICY IN AREA WITH CONTINUED SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DETENTE. SOVIET PRESS TAKES U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT ON RESUMED ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL IN STRIDE, AND CONTINUES ITS PARALLEL EMPHASIS ON BILATERAL BUSINESS AS USUAL. SOVIET MEDIA USE BOUMEDIENE VISIT TO HIGHLIGHT COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP SUPPORT FOR ARABS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT DINNER OCTOBER 15 IN HONOR OF DANISH PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN, KOSYGIN LATHERED HIS STATEMENT WITH REMARKS EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING DETENTE. BY LISTING THE SEARCH FOR A ME SOLUTION AMONG OTHER DETENTE ISSUES, KOSYGIN PLACED ME SQUARELY WITHIN DETENTE FRAMEWORK.

3. KOSYGIN CAUTIONED THAT ENEMIES OF DETENTE ARE ATTEMPTING TO USE RENEWAL OF ME WAR TO REVIVE ATMOSPHERE OF COLD WAR. HE DENIED THAT SOVIET ACTION IN ME IS SOURCE OF TENSION IN THE AREA AND AFFIRMED SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE

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TO JUST, DURABLE PEACE WITH GUARANTEED SECURITY FOR ALL STATES AND PEOPLES THERE. AT SAME TIME HE UNDERLINED THAT SOVIET POLICY IS AIMED AT HELPING ARABS LIBERATE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ALLUDING IN CONCLUSION TO THE BASIC SOVIET DILEMMA ON ME ISSUE, KOSYGIN SAID THAT SOVIET UNION WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MOVE DETENTE FURTHER, BUT NOT AT EXPENSE OF PRINCIPLE OF RESISTING IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESUMPTION OF U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL WAS REPORTEDLY BRIEFLY BUT WITH EYE-CATCHING HEADLINE IN SOVIET PRESS OCTOBER 16. PRAVDA CARRIED TASS ITEM (PAGE 5) REPORTING MC CLOSKEY ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESUMED ARMS DELIVERIES, ALONG WITH NEW YORK TASS REPORT (QUOTING NO SOURCE) THAT ISRAEL HAS REQUESTED 75 PHANTOMS PLUS TANKS AND ARTILLERY AND AP REPORT THAT U.S. PLANES ARE TRANSITING AZORES IN LARGE NUMBERS ON EASTERN COURSE. AT SAME TIME PRAVDA AND SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA PRINTED TASS ITEM QUOTING NY TIMES TO EFFECT THAT SOVIET -SUPPLIED ARMS HAVE SHOWN THEIR EFFECTIVENESS ON EGYPTIAN FRONT.

5. IN OBVIOUS EFFORT TO UNDERLINE SOVIET VIEW THAT ME SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISRUPT US-USSR ECONOMIC TIES, IZVESTIYA OCTOBER 15 RAN A LONG ARTICLE FROM NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT (SEPT) REplete WITH SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF EXPANDING BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IT CONCLUDED THAT "THOSE WHO SEEK TO POISON THE ATMOSPHERE CANNOT STOP THE COURSE OF EVENTS."

6. PROESS OCTOBER 16 GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO JOINT SOVIET -ALGERIAN COMMUNIQUE ON BOUMEDIENE OCTOBER 14-15 VISIT WHICH PREVIOUSLY UNANNOUNCED HERE. COMMUNIQUE CHARACTERIZES BOUMEDIENE TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS AS FRIENDLY AND FRANK, AND STATES THAT PARTIES EXCHANGED VIEWS ON ME AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND AFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ASSIST IN LIBERATION OF ALL ARAB OCCUPIED LANDS. IN APPARENT EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE SOVIET LEADERSHIP'S COLLECTIVE SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE, SOVIET PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED FIVE POLITBURO MEMBERS - BREZHNEV, PODGORNII, KOSYGIN, GROMYKO AND GRECHKO. ALGERIANS LISTED AS BOUMEDIENE, STATE MINISTER BELKACEM, REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER DRAYA, ALGERIAN MINISTER BENYAHIA, ALGERIA AMBASSADOR, AND COMMANDER OF THIRD MILITARY DISTRICT ZERGINI. ALL MAJOR MOSCOW AM'S FRONT-PAGED PICTURES OF TALKS.

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